

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA  
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

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June 22, 2004

**FROM: CAROL L. ANSELM, ASSISTANT COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR  
HUMAN SERVICES SYSTEM**

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR TRANSFER APPROPRIATION**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. Authorize the Auditor-Controller to transfer appropriation of \$240,000 from the Human Services System Childcare budget (AAA ETP) to the Human Services System Aid to Indigents budget (AAA ATI).
2. Authorize the Auditor-Controller to decrease federal and state revenue in AAA ETP by \$240,000.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** In June 2003, the Board of Supervisors adopted the FY 2003-04 Final County Budget, which included the Human Services System (HSS) Aid to Indigents budget (AAA ATI).

The Aid to Indigents program provides subsistence in the form of cash aid, food, shelter, and transportation to indigents who do not meet categorical eligibility requirements for state and federally funded programs. This program is mandated under the State Welfare and Institutions Code, section 17000, which requires that every county shall relieve and support all incompetent, poor, indigent persons, and those incapacitated by age, disease, or accident, lawfully resident therein, when such persons are not supported and relieved by their relatives or friends, by their own means, or by state hospitals or other state or private institutions.

Due to increases in caseload, it is estimated that expenditures will exceed the FY 2003-04 Final Budget appropriation by \$240,000.

The continued increase in caseload is directly related to the following:

- CalWORKs clients timing out after 5 years on aid
- Population increase in the County and the availability of cheaper housing (including shared living arrangements)
- Clients staying on aid longer because of changes to SSI rules (i.e., drug addicts and alcoholics are not eligible for SSI unless they are in a treatment program)
- Clients staying on aid longer because of the lengthy SSI appeals process for their specific case situations (some clients have been in the appeals process since 2002).

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In the HSS Childcare budget (AAA ETP), expenditures are expected to be under budget by approximately \$5 million due to reduced caseload and State regulated payment reductions to childcare providers. Therefore, sufficient appropriation exists to transfer to the HSS Aid to Indigents budget (AAA ATI). The HSS Childcare budget is 100% funded with State and Federal revenues, so revenues are also being reduced accordingly.

The County share in the HSS Aid to Indigents budget (AAA ATI) is currently budgeted at \$944,137, which is entirely funded with County general fund dollars. The anticipated overage of \$240,000 will increase the County share in this budget unit. However, anticipated local share savings in the HSS CalWORKs Aid Payments budget unit (AAB FGR) will offset the additional local share required for AAA ATI. Overall, HSS local share will not exceed budgeted local share.

**REVIEW BY OTHERS:** This agenda item has been reviewed and approved by County Counsel (Andy Hartzell, Chief Deputy County Counsel, 387-5470) HSS Finance (Kris Letterman, Administrative Analyst, 388-0330) on June 8, 2004, and County Administrative Office (Gary Morris, Administrative Analyst, 388-0356) on June 8, 2004.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:** No additional local cost is required. All costs associated with this item will be paid from County General Funds. The Board action does not increase the County General Fund contribution in FY 2003-04. The changes in Appropriation and Revenue requested are as follows:

**APPROPRIATIONS**

<b>FUND</b>	<b>DEPT</b>	<b>ORG</b>	<b>OBJ CODE</b>	<b>DESC</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
Transfer Appropriation <u>from</u> :					
AAA	ETP	ETP	3205	Other Public Assist	(\$240,000)
Transfer Appropriation <u>to</u> :					
AAA	ATI	ATI	3205	Other Public Assist	\$240,000

**REVENUE**

<b>FUND</b>	<b>DEPT</b>	<b>ORG</b>	<b>OBJ CODE</b>	<b>DESC</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
Decrease State & Federal Revenue in AAA ETP:					
AAA	ETP	ETP	8665	State	(\$ 16,242)
AAA	ETP	ETP	9010	Federal	(\$223,758)
					(\$240,000)

**COST REDUCTION REVIEW:** The County Administrative Office has reviewed this agenda item and concurs with the agency's proposed action based on the requirements that San Bernardino County and HSS are required to meet under the State Welfare and Institutions Code section 17000.

**SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS: ALL**

**PRESENTER:** Carol L Anselmi, Assistant County Administrator, Human Services System  
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